

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Periodic Reporting
(Proposal Four)

Docket No. RM2015-12

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued August 5, 2015)

To clarify the Postal Service's petition to consider a change in analytical principles, filed July 17, 2015,¹ the Postal Service is requested to provide a written response to the following questions. Answers should be provided as soon as they are developed, but no later than August 12, 2015.

The Postal Service states "[r]ecently, the ICRA has been provided a full list of country data which is consistent with the RPW totals." Petition, Proposal Four at 1.

1. Please confirm that the source of the expanded country data is the expanded SIRVO data. If not confirmed, please identify the source of the expanded country data.
2. Please explain why this expanded country data was not used previously and why the Postal Service is bringing this Petition at this time. If certain underlying data elements were unavailable, please identify what data elements became available, when these data elements became available, and why these data elements were unavailable previously.
3. Please explain why this expanded country data is an improvement over the international accounting data. Specifically, please explain why the expanded

¹ Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal Four), July 17, 2015 (Petition).

country data provides more accurate volume data than the international accounting data.

4. Please state whether the Postal Service intends to use the expanded country data in lieu of international accounting data to settle terminal dues payments with individual countries. Please explain why or why not.

By the Acting Chairman.

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